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## **Photos Needed**

The Ontario Goat Breeders Association is currently working to put together a new series of materials to promote all sectors of the goat industry. We are in need of high-resolution (about 2mb) photos, preferably with animals from Ontario, also preferably true to breed, structurally correct, and (most importantly) clean animals (my understanding is that there are several top does doing very well in the shows this year who would be excellent candidates). I think that, in particular, photos of Angora and/or Cashmere goats have been hard to come by, though we do still need photos of dairy and meat breeds. Breeders will be given photo credit; photos are to be used on large display panels as well as smaller print materials. Please contact Tobin Schlegel at tobin@cwisp.ca, or Guenette Bautz, who is co-ordinating the project, at bautzfarm@sasktel.net.

## **Profits Through Genetics the Focus of Second International Goat Symposium**

For goat producers across Ontario, Canada and indeed the world, Lindsay, Ontario is the place to be on September 18, 19 & 20th for the second annual International Goat Symposium.

The goat industry has seen tremendous growth in the last decade. Ontario holds the largest share of Canada's goat production, housing 43% of the nation's goat numbers. The growth of industry is significant in the City of Kawartha Lakes. Currently there are 98 farms reporting 6081 goats in the Kawartha Lakes representing almost 50% of the goat production in central Ontario and making it the third largest goat producing municipality in Ontario.

"Goat operations will need to continue to expand as the demand for goat products grow. As this industry matures the need for producers to enhance their knowledge in area of genetic improvement also increases," states Carolyn Puterbough, Agriculture Development Officer for the City of Kawartha Lakes. "This year's topic of profits through genetics will bring together experts on genetic improvement and will provide knowledge and tools for producers to operate more profitable businesses."

The three day symposium is being organized by a group of Ontario producers, organizations and both provincial and municipal levels of government. This year's symposium chair is Lisa Thompson, general manager of the Ontario Dairy Goat Cooperative. The symposium kicks off on Tuesday, September 18th with a self-directed driving tour of dairy and meat goat herds in central Ontario. In the evening the Lindsay & District Chamber of Commerce and the City of Kawartha Lakes will host a welcoming reception at the Admiral Inn and Convention Centre for symposium attendees and regional politicians. The trade show will also be open during the reception.

On Wednesday September 19th, the symposium is devoted to seminars and a trade show. Seminar topics include an overview of the Canadian milk recording program, genetic research and opportunities, markets for genetics, and advances in goat genetic improvement in Holland. Afternoon topics include a profile on Wisconsin and its leadership in the goat industry, growing markets for goat products, the Halal market, speeding up genetic improvement, getting started in the meat or dairy goat business and supplying

## ***Interested in being an OGBA Director?***

Article VII of the current Constitution (October 2005) states that Members interested in becoming Directors must submit their intent in writing 90 days prior to the AGM. If more than three (3) members submit letters of intent, voting will take place at the Annual General Meeting. New directors will assume office following the election and after the conclusion of business of the retiring Board of Directors.

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what processors need. Guest speakers at the symposium are coming from Holland, United States, and across Canada as well as the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs. The trade show will provide an opportunity for industry suppliers to present their product lines and promote the latest developments in products, supplies and resources to those attending the symposium. On Wednesday evening, the banquet will feature a Spanish inspired Tapas style dinner with specialty dishes including goat cheese and chevon.

Thursday speakers will focus on genetic improvement through artificial insemination and embryo transfer and what the realistic goals are for these technologies. In the afternoon a Trend Setter Goat Sale will take place with a selection of profitable goats for the next millennium.

The symposium is being held at the Admiral Inn and Conference Centre. Registration for the symposium is \$85 per person and the deadline is September 7, 2007. Symposium program details are available at [www.goatsymposium.com](http://www.goatsymposium.com) or from Carolyn Puterbough at 1-866-397-6673 or [cputerbough@city.kawarthalakes.on.ca](mailto:cputerbough@city.kawarthalakes.on.ca).

### **2nd International Symposium Sale**

As summer winds down, and people 'gear up' for the fall breeding season, fairs, seminars and sales, inquiries are already coming in regarding the second International Goat Symposium Sale to be held September 20th in Lindsay, Ontario. With symposium attendees already focusing on the theme 'Profits through Genetics', this should be a great opportunity for consignors, not only in terms of immediate sale proceeds, but also longterm herd promotion and marketing. As an extra incentive for potential buyers interested in showing, any sale consignments also entered in the East National Show which follows on Sept. 21-22nd, will be eligible to be shown by the new owners. Not only will top individual animals (does and/or bucks) be welcome in this sale, but also promising groups of good commercial does. Each animal's CAE status must be negative (negative test within 30 days prior to sale, if under 1 year of age also accompanied by negative test from dam in this time range), overall general health must also be good.

Anyone interested in participating in this upcoming symposium and/or sale should check [www.goatsymposium.com](http://www.goatsymposium.com) for more details. Specific sale inquiries can be addressed directly to Lloyd Wicks [\[peterboro.net\]\(http://peterboro.net\), 705-738-2787 or Bob Reid \[punkeydoodles@cwisp.ca\]\(mailto:punkeydoodles@cwisp.ca\), 519-662-1906. Consignments and attendees are encouraged from across the country to truly represent Canada at this 'international' event.](mailto:grasshil@</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

### **East National Dairy Goat Show**

The East National will be held September 21 and 22. Animals will be able to arrive on the Thursday evening or Friday morning. The judge is Peter Snyder from New York. For class sponsorship or advertising contact Cheri Penny at [cherip@sympatico.ca](mailto:cherip@sympatico.ca).

### **Royal Winter Fair goat show**

The judge for this year's Royal Winter Fair goat show is Adam Scanlon. The show will take place on Saturday, November 3rd. Prize books will soon be mailed out. Please contact Denise Thomson at the Royal. She would be happy to send you the prize list.

Entries close on Monday, October 1st. That sounds far away right now but it will pass quickly with so many shows in the next month. Prize books will be available at the East National Show in Lindsay. It should be a wonderful show. Exhibitors from the west and the far east are always welcome!!

For more information about the goat show or sponsorship, please contact Denise Thomson (Agriculture Show Manager) at 416-263-3440 or e-mail [dthomson@royalfair.org](mailto:dthomson@royalfair.org).

### **Canadian Caprine Classic**

*November 16 - 17, 2007, London, Ontario*

The second annual Canadian Caprine Classic will take place in the London Agriplex November 16-17, 2007. The Caprine Classic is offering once again this year a CGS sanctioned dairy show, CMGA sanctioned Boer show, an Angora show, youth showmanship classes, Gala Banquet, and an excellent trade show. There are also several new features for 2007: the "Kids with Kids" youth market kid class, an open market kid class, the select breeding stock sale and market kid sale, a fibre competition, and educational industry seminars.

For more information on entering or sponsoring the event, go to [www.caprine-classic.ca](http://www.caprine-classic.ca) or contact:

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## Improve and enhance your goat management **PRODUCTION MANUALS**

**Manual #1** - Let's make a Decision: Aimed at the new or novice goatkeeper, or anyone thinking about raising goats, this manual has everything you need to know, starting with selecting stock to record-keeping charts. It is written by goatkeepers, for goatkeepers, in terms that everyone can understand.

**Manual #2** - How the Industry Grows: This manual has been produced for the more experienced goatkeeper. It is a more in-depth look at products and marketing. Topics include: grading meat goats, assessing a live goat's body condition, Grade A requirements for shipping milk, and faults in raw mohair. The writers of this manual have over 50 years combined experience in raising goats.

Price per manual  
OGBA Members \$25.00  
Non-Members \$35.00

Prices are in Canadian funds.  
Shipping is \$5 extra per manual, or arrangements can be made for pick-up in your district.

Order manuals through  
the OGBA Secretary.

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**NEW DATE**

# **OGBA Semi-Annual Meeting**

## **October 13, 2007**

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### **Details to follow**